

General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1028

LCO No. 2941

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by: (PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF HOUSING AND SUPPORT SERVICES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 (NEW) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the
- 2 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services may, within
- 3 available appropriations, enter into a lease or other rental agreement
- 4 for an apartment, home or similar private residence on behalf of and
- 5 for occupancy by a person receiving services from the Department of
- 6 Mental Health and Addiction Services if the commissioner determines
- 7 that such person is unable to lease or rent such apartment, home or
- 8 similar private residence on such person's own behalf. Any such lease
- 9 or rental agreement shall not exceed the fair market price for the area
- in which such apartment, home or similar private residence is located.

Statement of Purpose:

To allow the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to directly rent an apartment or similar residence on behalf of a client receiving services from the department when the client is unable to rent the apartment directly due to lack of credit history or similar circumstances. [Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]